MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was not asked whether he could undertake the scheme, but he was consulted in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could undertake the scheme?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer said something of the kind. But the Electrical Engineer did not express any opinion in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could not undertake the work?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He did not say that either. That point was not referred to him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that this matter was not referred to the Electrical Engineer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was only consulted in that matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it was to encourage private agencies that a scheme was allowed to be started by a private individual?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer says that.

Reconstruction of the Suppan Chetty Bridge across the Harihara Nadi in Shencotta.

357. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the old bridge across the Harihara Nadi in the Shencotta taluk, popularly known as "Suppan Chetty Bridge" was recently dismantled by the Public Works Department and reconstructed by that Department;

(*b*) the points of superiority of the reconstructed bridge over the old one;

(*c*) the total amount of money spent on the reconstruction of this bridge; and

(*d*) whether the old designation of the above bridge has since been altered in any way by the P. W. D. or by the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The new bridge is straight in alignment with the road, broader and of larger ventway and is capable of carrying all floods that formerly breached the embankment forming the northern approach frequently.

(*c*) About Rs. 16,000. The accounts have not been finally closed.

(*d*) No.

Anchal-Meenkulam Road.

358. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the Anchal-Meenkulam road, otherwise called the Alencherry-Meenkulam road, will be taken over by the P. W. D. for maintenance?

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